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EAGLE COUNTY – Double D Construction LLC. has been contracted by Colorado Department of Transportation for \$1.89 million to start a new phase of wildlife fence installation along I-70 between Gypsum and Dowd Junction. The work consists of removing existing state right of way fence where necessary, installing wildlife fence between MM 140. to MM 173, and installing signs on US 6.

Crews will begin work on June 15, starting with the section between Wolcott and Edwards, where posts were installed last season. Completion of this section will last several weeks and the notification of the next construction zone will be sent at that time. This season's work will last through November 2009, followed by a winter suspension, and the contractor will resume construction in the spring of 2010, completing the project by end of 2010.

Traffic will periodically be reduced to one lane through the work zone. The speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph. Any travel delays will occur Monday through Friday, from 7 AM to 7 PM. Some Saturday work may be necessary.

On average, wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVC) on I-70 make up around 4.6 percent of total accidents—this particular stretch, however, can experience upwards of 26 percent WVCs.

For updated project information, the public may call 970- 926-1845; e-mail: Double D Construction LLC at tandybitner@gmail.com. CDOT Road Condition & Traveler Information: www.cotrip.org or toll-free at 877-315-ROAD (or simply 511).